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Mr. Olive

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24 July 1962

Conversation with Seltg Harrison of The New Republic

1. I am attaching a copy of a memorandum to Col. Grogan on a recent contact I had with the press. Subsequent to seeing Harrison I became aware that there was in the community a special interest in his present activities. For this reason and because some of his remarks are of substantive interest, I thought you might be interested in a more detailed account of the conversation. I have known Harrison for quite a number of years and have seen him socially several times since his return to Washington. Incidentally, he expressed interest in meeting you during our conversation.

2. Harrison began by saying he was preparing another article for The New Republic on South Asia, a follow-up to his piece of last December. To do the job properly, he said, he had to know what was going on at 25X1A [redacted] and how important it was to US security. If he could be convinced of its importance, he said, he could understand a continuance of the present US policy of alliance with 25X1A [redacted] otherwise, he though the policy a poor one, which should be attacked in the press. When I professed no knowledge as to what was "going on" in 25X1A [redacted]

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3. When I said I couldn't comment on that, he said he'd give me another description, to wit:

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art' in the USSR and this has little effect on our own weapons programs. The golf courses they are going to build at the site and the rest of the elaborate support that goes to it is merely typical military expansionism."

I'd obviously be doing him and the country a favor, he said, if I would confirm one thesis or the other. He had to know what

25X1A [redacted] meant before he could do his job on policy toward South Asia. I replied that this was a very sensitive field and that if I did know about these things, I could not tell him,

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